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SUBJECT: SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE

REF: A) STATE 188285; B) STATE 194948; C) PORT MORESBY 0827

1. EMBOFF BRIEFED ROY FERNANDEZ, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY DFA'S DEFENSE DIVISION ON CONTENTS OF REF A AS INSTRUCTED IN REF B.

2. FERNANDEZ SAID NEW ZEALAND HAD ASKED FOR AUSTRALIAN COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION BUT GOA MERELY SAID THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD VOTE FOR THE RESOLUTION AS DRAFTED. GOA FELT THAT IF IT MADE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS ON THE WORDING OF THE NEW ZEALAND DRAFT IT WOULD GIVE NEW ZEALAND A LEVER TO PUSH FOR AUSTRALIAN CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE RESOLUTION. FERNANDEZ SAID THAT AS MATTERS NOW STAND AUSTRALIA WILL VOTE FOR THE RESOLUTION IF IT COMES TO A VOTE BUT WILL NEITHER

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CO-SPONSOR IT NOR SPEAK IN FAVOR OF IT. FERNANDEZ NOTED

THAT THERE WAS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT COULD PRESSURE THEIR ALP COLLEAGUES IN AUSTRALIA INTO TAKING A MORE POSITIVE STANCE ON THE RESOLUTION. THE ONLY REASON AUSTRALIA AGREED TO VOTE FOR IT WAS BECAUSE IT WAS AN INITIATIVE BY A FRIENDLY LABOR GOVERNMENT IN NEW ZEALAND. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, FERNANDEZ SAID DFA PROFESSIONALS BELIEVE THAT THE NEW ZEALAND RESOLUTION IS OF LITTLE REAL VALUE AND POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME. HE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD FIJI HAS PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE TEXT WHICH, IF ADOPTED, WOULD MAKE THE RESOLUTION EVEN MORE TROUBLESOME.

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